



# NoveList Help Sheet: Which Search Should I Use?

**When:** *NoveList* provides several different ways to search its database of fiction book records. What you are interested in finding AND your style of reading/browsing determine which search is right for you.

## How:

### Search Selection:

### What will I get:

#### **Find a Favorite Author**

A list of titles by the author whose name you entered.

*You can select one of your favorite titles from this list and use it as a template to find other books like the ones this author writes.*

#### **Find a Favorite Title**

A link to the title record matching the words you entered (or a list of title links, if more than one title meets your search criteria).

*Clicking the link for the title lets you learn more about the book. At the title record, you can click "Find Similar Books" to find additional similar titles.*

#### **Find a Series Name**

A list of titles associated with the series name/information entered in series order.

#### **Describe a Plot**

A list of titles that contain all or some of the words you entered, ordered with the strongest matches at the top of the list. Describe a Plot searches all subject headings, reviews, and descriptions for the words you entered.

*You can browse through the relevancy ranked list (ordered with the books that have the most matches at the top of the list) and click the links of any titles that look interesting to you.*

#### **Boolean Search**

A list of titles that have the criteria you typed in the fields you defined (subject, title, etc.) based on the Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) you assigned.

#### **Freehand Boolean Search**

*(Available from the Boolean Search page)*

For those who are comfortable creating and using Boolean expressions, *NoveList* provides an edit field to enter a Boolean expression directly. A link with Field Codes is also provided.

*You can browse through the list and click the links of any titles that look interesting to you.*

#### **Article and List Search**

A list of related *NoveList* content (not title records of books) for the name, title or theme that you entered. Content can include awards or genre lists, other theme-oriented annotated lists, author read-alikes, book discussion guides, booktalks or curricular related articles.